

HOUSE BILL 860

By Baird

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 9 and Title 70, Chapter 5, relative to the operation of off-highway vehicles on lands owned or leased by the state of Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-9-104, is amended by deleting subdivision (5) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(5) Acquire lands, through purchase or lease, for off-highway motor vehicle use. The director is encouraged to use property that is currently owned or leased by the state and which is appropriate for off-highway vehicle use before acquiring lands from private landowners. OHV use shall be expressly prohibited in Tennessee wildlife resources agency (TWRA) wildlife management areas or refuges used solely for hunting, fishing or other TWRA-related activities, state forests, state parks and state natural areas unless such area has been expressly approved for such use on or before May 10, 2004;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.